

**Treatment Provider Forum  
September 3, 2008**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Introductions**

Dennis introduced Tina Hedstrom, Senior Substance Abuse Specialist, who will be working on planning, contract support and monitoring and will provide technical support to providers. Also, Angie Garcia, Program Technician who is currently working on updating our County website information, Colleen Gregg, Staff Analyst assigned to Prevention Services, Maryann Le, Principal Staff Analyst, who replaced Jim Kirby when he retired.

**CalOMS**

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs will be providing a web-based training for new staff of providers who are doing the data entry for CalOMS. Need to have consistent data placed into CalOMS. Some providers are having difficulties in determining what to input for discharges based on what ADP requires. ADP's definition of a referral is sending a client to another AOD program. We will be cleaning up so that discharge will be more specific.

**N.O.R.A**

N.O.R.A will have an impact if passed to be able to purchase additional treatment (possibly 5-7 million) services. Prop. 36 could go away but Prop. 36 and Drug Court services would be combine. Information will be posted on the County Website and will be placed in newsletter. Funding could include adolescent services. Unspent funds could go into youth services. Providers are encouraged to give input or questions.

**Year End Cost Reports**

Reminder of due dates for submission of Year End Cost Reports.

**RFP Process - Change**

The process for RFP's will be changing. Looking at consolidating services for purchase. Example would be Residential Services could include different funding streams, specific services (gender specific, males/female, perinatal, detox and Spanish-speaking males.) Starting mid-November, RFP for Residential Services will be released. December will be Outpatient Services and mid-December will be Sober Living. Will be using outcomes to determine how well a program is performing for future RFP's and will include this language in the contract.

Will be looking at changing retention time for residential services from 30, 60 days to 90 days. This will help clients that really want help to remain in services. Will be looking at aftercare services for clients completing residential services.

### **Minkoff/Cline**

Encouraging providers to participate and engage in the process in developing co-occurring services. Need to make services available to co-occurring clients. Next change Agent meeting will be held at Genesis on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Website**

The County website will include a “Provider Page”. Included in this page will be information from ADP, training bulletins and other information that pertains to the treatment community.

### **Site Monitoring**

Tina will begin to conduct site visits and technical assistance to programs.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be held on October 1, 2008